--- 1/9th Pound - Red - “Series of 1897” – scanned at 65% scale 248 x 15 mm ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/9th pound red strip as follows:

RP-680 - 1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, 251 mm. in length, with 4½ mm. blue controls

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell if, and how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

The red strips, printed at a later date, were intended for use on tobacco products made from a blend of imported and domestic tobaccos. They were printed on *horizontal mesh* wove.

It seems that the introductory *control-free* copies were printed by *hand press*. They are shorter than as the production copies but are printed on the same wove paper with a definite *horizontal mesh*. These were probably printed before the plates were bent to fit the rotary press.

--- Recess printed by *hand press* on *horizontal mesh* wove - *without control numbers* - 248 x 15 mm ---

RP-680n - 1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without controls, 248 x 15 mm - ***two copies***

RP-680n - 1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without controls
Stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink, 248 x 15 mm

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--- 1/9th Pound - “Series of 1897” – scanned at 65% scale ---

--- Recess printed by *rotary press* on *horizontal mesh* wove - 4½ mm. *blue controls* - 250 x 15 mm ---

--- *coarse roulette* - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

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RP-680 - 1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control number **1250392** - 250 x 15 mm

1250017	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250035	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250050	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250071	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250082	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250090	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250106	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250109	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250123	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250132	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250135	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250155 ★	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250170	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250201-02	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, a top pair from Plate No. 5
1250287	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250288	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250392 ★	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250401	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, a top copy from Plate No. 5
1250470	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove
1250483 ★	RP-680	1/9th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove

These are all remnant strips, mostly taken from eBay.

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